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REPORTS

Of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditor's and Superintendent of the Almshouse, of the

TOWN OF WEARE,

For the year ending March 1st, 1866.

REPORT OF N. G. CRAM, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Town Farm in account with the Town, March 1st, 1866.

March 1st, 1865,

DR.	To cost of Farm,	3.000 00
01 00	Stock on farm,	820 00
01 00	Furniture,	250 00
00 67	Tools and carriages,	160 00
00 98	Hay,	375 00
01 26	Shoats,	55 00
01 70	Wood,	60 00
01 80	Provisions,	272 90
00 67	Bills paid as per report,	491 55
01 17	Interest on farm, stock, &c.,	253 80
	Superintendent's salary,	325 00
		— \$6.063 25

March, 1st 1866.

CR.	By Farm,	3.000 00
00 8	Stock on farm,	1 025 00
00 1	Furniture,	250 00
00 8	Tools and carriages,	160 00
00 1	Hay,	275 00
00 92	Shoats,	100 00
00 8	Wood,	75 00
00 6	Fowls,	10 00
00 075	Provisions on hand,	367 50
	Provisions sold,	220 81
	Received of county for support of S. Stephens,	13 00
	Due from county for support of S. Stephens,	13 00
		— \$5.509 31

Balance against the town, being the cost of supporting
the poor family, \$553 94

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Number of poor supported, 9 1-6. Cost of supporting per week, one dollar, sixteen cents, three mills.

ELBRIDGE PUTNAM, } Selectmen
GEORGE C. PAIGE, } of
ALBE MORRILL, } Weare.

Ministerial Fund. (C. E. Wood, Agt.)

Friends'	65 40	2d Freewill Baptist	18 40
1st Universalist,	62 32	3d Freewill Baptist,	10 50
2d Universalist,	21 50	Advents,	1 75
Calvinistic Baptist,	36 00		
1st Freewill Baptist,	26 75		
			242 62

Paid School Districts.

No. 1	60 90	No. 13	96 10
2	99 40	16	99 40
3	58 70	17	73 00
4	79 60	18	49 90
5	63 10	21	52 10
6	75 20	23	67 50
7	68 60	24	63 10
8	80 70	25	73 00
9	71 90	26	74 10
10	64 20		
11	64 20		\$1.489 00
12	54 30		

Read Breaking, 1864-5.

Thomas F. Breed,	3 50	I. J. Webber,	3 64
Rufus Wadleigh,	4 92	Squire Felch,	1 00
A. Johnson,	2 50	Abraham Melvin,	26 50
Charles E. Davis,	2 00	Cyrus S. Willard,	4 00
Jesse Follansbee,	6 10	Squire Gove,	5 05
Ira Felch,	8 75		
Hiram Clifford,	70		\$70 66
Wm. W. Vance,	2 00		

Miscellaneous Bills.

John F. Chase, expenses to New Market,	2 70
David Colby, labor on bridge.	47 75
Isaac H. Thorpe, school house tax, dist. No. 26,	15 00
John Colburn, labor on bridge,	33 75

S. Follansbee, 125 feet of plank,	1 50
S. Follansbee, labor on road,	6 00
David Colby, labor on road,	2 80
Aaron Colburn, labor on bridge,	14 00
Jonathan Buxton,	25 00
Wm. McCain,	10 00
James Baker, labor on highway,	29 25
E. C. Colby, labor on bridge,	3 75
Josiah H. Nichols, services Sup. School, 1864,	37 00
Levi W. Gove.	37 46
George Foster, 2000 feet Hemlock plank,	24 00
John Corliss, coffin for John Lock's child,	2 00
John Corliss, coffin for John Collins,	4 50
Ezra C. Eastman, repairing bridge,	2 50
J. P. Melvin, work on bridge,	17 00
I. J. C. Melvin, work on bridge,	42 50
Moses A Hodgdon, repairing highway,	75 00
Moses Johnson, work on bridge, March,	9 00
Moses Johnson, 2 stringers for bridge,	5 00
Moses Johnson, repairing bridge,	2 00
Moses Johnson, 575 feet plank,	6 91
Moses Johnson, 1080 feet boards,	12 96
Moses Johnson, repairing bridge, Oct.,	1 00
Alfred Hamilton, repairs on highway,	10 00
George W. Sanders, on act. John Collins,	8 50
A. B. Johnson, goods furnished Mrs. Dufur,	11 13
Robert Peaslee, 1575 feet Hemlock plank,	20 48
Robert Peaslee, 351 feet Pine plank,	6 32
Robert Peaslee, 1667 feet Hemlock timber,	20 00
Daniel Paige 4 25-40 tons of bridge stringers.	9 25
Daniel Paige, 1 day surveying,	1 50
Daniel Paige, Agent School fund,	6 00
Peterson & Whittle, medical attendance on Walter Green,	7 00
Peterson & Whittle, medical attendance on French family,	21 00
Samuel Paige, labor on highway,	2 25
James M. Eastman, repairing highway,	1 75
Wm. S. Eaton, work on bridge,	28 00
Town of Sunapee, Keniston children,	18 00
D. Johnson, horse hire &c to Amherst, weights and measures,	6 00
Harrison Currier, 600 ft. plank, 5 stringers, labor on bridge,	18 50
Samuel Dunlap, labor on highway,	5 75
Daniel Osborn, 2d, labor on highway,	1 80
Morrill & Silsby, order book,	1 50
A. P. Collins, error in Solomon Bartlett's tax,	1 40
William McCain, for county,	20 00
Ebenezer Gove, interest on notes,	210 93
Ebenezer Gove, care of literary fund,	10 00

Moses A. Hodgdon, 1000 ft. of plank,	12 00
Wm. Woodbury, error in tax, 1864,	3 04
J. M. & D. A. Parker, nails for bridge,	4 21
A. B. Johnson, goods furnished D. Clough,	34 00
A. B. Johnson, goods furnished Mrs. Dubur,	5 00
A. B. Johnson, spikes for bridge,	30
Daniel Johnson, Selectmen's expenses,	
John Lull, interest on money borrowed,	4 67
A. Johnson, interest on money borrowed,	11 40
Stephen B. Raymond, services rendered A. Alpine,	6 00
John Emerson, error in tax, 1864,	15 50
Benj. Hoyt, for money hired,	12 00
Abraham Melvin, interest,	10 00
George Foster, 2 cords wood A. Alpine,	10 00
Hiram Simons, interest on note,	91 57
Horatio H. Brown, interest on note,	30 00
Thomas Kilburn, provisions furnished A. Alpine,	22 18
A. F. Carr, medical attendance, A. Alpine,	5 00
Hazen Bartlett, interest,	3 00
Jesse Follansbee, labor on bridge,	25 00
J. J. Wyman, labor on bridge,	12 00
Abraham Melvin, money borrowed,	33 60
J. Frank Hoit, provisions for David Clough,	5 50
Amoskeag Mfg. Co., Iron for bridge,	26 30
Albert B. Johnson, goods for A. Alpine,	7 97
John B. Clark, printing advertisements,	3 00
City of Concord, for Moses Lull's family, 1864,	28 98
City of Manchester, for Moses Lull's family, 1865,	69 76
Moses Mudgett, labor on bridge,	3 00
Samuel Kimball, boarding Emma Merrill,	20 00
Levi W. Gove, journey to Concord, blanks &c.,	7 62
Levi W. Gove, illegal tax for 1861,	1 56
Fogg, Hadley & Co., 500 tax blank receipts,	2 50
B. W. Hopkins, powder fuse and powder can,	3 04
John B. Clark, advertising,	3 60
Geo. S. Mudgett, spikes for bridge,	3 40
D. L. Guernsey, blank books and paper,	12 09
Fogg & Hadley, blank books,	75
Fogg & Hadley, printing school reports, 1864,	30 00
Fogg & Hadley, printing town reports, 1864,	32 00
Warde & Humphrey, one pair scales,	25 00
Dr. W. Wilson, medical attendance on Mrs. Lord,	20 00
Dr. A. F. Carr, medical attendance on Frank Johnson,	10 00
Dr. R. B. Carswell, medical attendance on E. Eastman family,	44 00
Paid Amoskeag Bank, interest and stamps,	156 27
Israel Hoag, stationery,	1 05

Jesse Clement, selectmen's expenses,	7 25
J. B. Moulton, repairing road and lumber for bridge,	2 00
J. B. Moulton, use of oxen three days,	6 00
J. B. Moulton, damage done oxen,	20 00
Moses Sawyer, support of Thompson family,	28 00
Jonathan Buxton, balance services superintending schools,	12 00
Daniel Johnson, selectmen's expenses,	14 00
J. Milton Gove, labor on highway,	12 00
S. S. Clark, 1089 feet of bridge plank,	13 06
E. Putnam, for three days man and oxen,	12 00
E. Putnam, horse hire and expenses during the year,	36 50
E. Putnam, expenses of selectmen,	12 50
Albe Morrill, horse hire expenses to Amherst,	3 50
Albe Morrill, horse hire expenses to Manchester,	6 00
George C. Paige, four days on bridge and highway,	8 00
George C. Paige, labor on bridge,	3 00
George C. Paige, labor on road,	2 00
George C. Paige, breaking roads in 1865,	2 00
George C. Paige, horse hire and expenses to Nashua,	5 60
George C. Paige, " " Francestown,	2 00
George C. Paige, " " Sunapee,	7 60
George C. Paige, " " Bradford,	3 50
George C. Paige, " " Manchester,	2 50
George C. Paige, paid on money borrowed,	3 00
Abraham Melvin, interest on money borrowed,	30 00
Daniel Johnson, Town Clerk,	25 00
A. P. Collins, Selectmen's expenses,	31 87
Paid D. Johnson, interest on money borrowed,	8 00
Henry Foster, for serving notice on Mary Nichols,	2 00
Town of Newbury, George Kenson bill,	17 25
Paid Auditors,	12 00
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	\$2.135 38

Abatement of Taxes.

Samuel P. Cram, 1864,	\$3 72	George Hadley, overtaxed,	6 00
Geo. W. Morrill, "	3 72	Josiah Dow, overtaxed,	22 50
Chas. T. Chapman, "	3 72	Poor Farm,	58 28
Chas. C. Senter, "	3 72	Left town—	
Ephraim Eastman, "	1 82	Abram Burbank,	5 40
W. Stinson, for 1863-4-5,	12 24	Thomas Emerson,	5 40
Illegal 1865—		Moses L. Eastman,	5 40
<i>Money taxed in Savings Banks.</i>		Almon Favor,	5 40
Mary J. Colby,	\$9 90	T. F. Gay,	5 40
Wm. Eaton, 2d,	11 25	B. W. Hopkins,	5 40
Mary K. Hazen,	4 50	Joseph King,	5 40

Abigail Philbrick,	4 50	Jonathan Lock,	6 30
Melissa Philbrick,	3 38	Frank Quin,	5 40
Benj. Webb,	9 00	Levi Towns,	5 40
Mary W. Philbrick,	8 55	Dustin Wheeler,	5 40
Moody Marshal,	4 50	J. Elwood Paige,	5 40
Lucy Hadley, illegal,	13 50	Enoch Perkins, by request,	5 40
Daniel W. Hoyt, taxed to J. L. Hadley,	16 50	Charles T. Chapman, "	5 40
E. F. Jackman, illegal,	5 40	Molly Sawyer,	7 75
Mitchell Wells, "	5 40	Ephraim Eastman,	9 90
Over 70—		Eli Chase, over tax,	7 75
Moses Eaton,	5 40	Ira Felch, "	1 57
Clark Colby,	5 40	Aldin S. Gardner, illegal,	5 40
Under 21—		Peter D. Jarvis, left town,	5 40
Peter King,	5 40	Mary Osborne,	6 75
Edmund Stone,	5 40	William McCain,	4 50
Almus Follansbee,	5 40		
Almon Follansbee,	5 40		

Selectmen's Services.

Elbridge Putnam,		\$132 00
George C. Paige,		79 25
Albe Morrill,		88 00
		\$299 25

Paid notes and interest, \$20.532 27

Money hired and notes given 1865-6, \$9.391 00

Amount outstanding notes given prior to March 14, 1865, \$46.656 20

ELBRIDGE PUTNAM, } Selectmen
GEORGE. C. PAIGE, } of
ALBE MORRILL, } Weare.

The Treasurer of last year reports the following errors in his accounts as Treasurer in 1864-5:

	DR.
Reported paid Aaron Carr,	\$3.000 00
James Twiss,	920 00
A. P. Collins,	50 00
interest,	24 00
School house tax District No. 9, note included in taxes committed to the collector in report of 1864,	262 02
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	\$4.256 02

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Amount reported due Treasurer in 1864-5, and not paid,	\$ 1.751 70
Amount paid Hiram S. Hoyt, furnishing three substitutes,	900 00
Paid A. G. Jones, one volunteer,	250 00
Amount paid on school house tax in District No. 9,	58 86
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Balance due and paid to the town,	\$ 2,960 56
	\$ 1,295 46

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D.R.	
To amount committed to A. P. Collins, Collector,	\$17,322 82
interest on Literary Fund,	130 00
School Fund,	120 00
State on Literary Fund,	65 80
Savings Bank Tax,	369 44
Railroad Tax, 1864,	43 88
1865,	55 63
State Aid,	4,131 57
County for support of Paupers,	154 63
Nathan K. Root, old bridge plank,	50
School House Tax, District No. 26,	15 34
Money hired in 1865-6,	9,391 00
Of Elbridge Putnam, last year's Treasurer,	1,295 46
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	\$33,096 07

	Cr.
Paid Miscellaneous bills,	\$2,135 38
Schools,	1,489 00
For road breaking,	70 66
Notes and interest,	20,532 27
State Tax,	4,432 50
State Aid,	1,638 76
County Tax,	1,056 20
Non-resident Highway Tax worked,	103 68
Taxes abated,	370 02
Poor Farm bills,	270 74
Superintendent of Poor Farm,	325 00
A. P. Collins, Collector,	125 00
Daniel Johnson, Treasurer,	80 00
Selectmen's services,	299 25
	<hr/> \$32,878 46

Amount due the town, \$217 61

DANIEL JOHNSON, *Treasurer.*

Indebtedness of the Town.

Outstanding notes,	\$56,047.20
Estimated interest,	5,000.00
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	\$61,047.20
Due the town,	\$217.61
Due from County,	31.00
Due from the State as State Aid,	1,000.00
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	\$1,248.61
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Amount of Dog Tax in the Treasurer's hands,	\$59,798.59
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	\$130.00

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find the vouchers satisfactory and the footings correct.

WILLIAM H. GOVE,
D. P. WOODBURY, } *Auditors.*
G. W. COLBY,

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JOHN BROWN, Treasurer.

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WEARE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1866.

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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

CONCORD,
NEW HAMPSHIRE,
1825.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATES,

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Weare :

We respectfully submit the following report of the condition of schools in town. We believe it to be correct as far as figures are concerned, and in relation to the various schools, and teachers, we have endeavored to speak impartially. We could have said more in some instances, and less in others, but we believe somewhat in the old saying, "least said soonest mended."

We are not about to make a raid on school teachers, and school districts in general, but merely to offer a few suggestions. First, we believe it is very important that public schools should be sustained; secondly, we believe they are but shadows of what they they ought, and might be; thirdly, they never will be better till there is sufficient encouragement offered to teachers to induce them to fit themselves for the business. We wish to be understood, when speaking of this matter. It is very seldom that any person applies for a situation as teacher, who does not possess the requisite amount of learning, viz: a generous supply of ability to read, write, and cypher; twice as much grammar as dictionary, and the remainder in algebra. Now this is all very well as far as it goes, but does it not stop far short of the point of excellence at which we have fondly hoped our children might sometime arrive? How many of our teachers at the present time think of making school teaching their business through life? How many of them ever considered that they had any duty to do in school otherwise than teach their scholars reading, writing, grammar, etc.? Do they ever consider that they are in a great measure responsible for the future character of the children who are committed to their care and training?

Every year a fresh corps of new teachers comes into the field, and as many old teachers retire. Does it ever occur to you that these new teachers are to be educated at your expense? You furnish them houses, fuel, board, and lodging, pay for their labor, and

what is of infinitely more consequence, children to practice their pedagogic notions upon. Some of them make good teachers, after you have educated them. Then they are ready to leave for some more agreeable or lucrative calling, and you are obliged to educate another troupe, and so on, *ad infinitum*.

There is a remedy for all this trouble. Give the profession of public school teaching support and dignity. Make it a paying and honorable calling. Unite your districts in such a manner that you will be able to dispense with at least one-half the number of teachers you now employ; if necessary, raise more money for the support of schools; and last, but by no means least, interest yourselves generally in the education of your children.

The manner of dividing the school money in the town is a serious hindrance to the union of districts. For example: the bases of two districts amounts to eighty dollars. The same united, it amounts to but forty dollars. We are not about to discuss the propriety of this regulation, but believing, as we do, that it verges close upon unfairness, we respectfully ask you to give the matter serious consideration.

Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, 23, 26, reported by L. W. Gove.

Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 24, 25, reported by J. H. Nichols.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—PUTNEY'S.

Summer Term, 10 weeks ; taught by Miss EMMA F. PEASLEE. We liked the appearance of Miss Peaslee in the capacity of teacher. Her lively, active manner in school interested us. She has a habit of questioning her pupils concerning their lessons, reading in particular, which might be adopted to advantage by many more experienced teachers.

Winter Term, 5 2-3 weeks. This term was commenced by Miss S. ANNIE HALL. We liked her appearance well, and supposed she would have no trouble with the school, knowing, as we did, that she had taught several terms before ; and had it not been for the fact that she was teaching in the same district where she had attended school herself, and that some of her scholars were her old schoolmates, we have no doubt but she would have had good success. The term was completed by Miss ABBIE BARTLETT, of Deering. Her manner of teaching is thorough, and gave good satisfaction. Samuel Collins, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—ROCKLAND.

Summer Term, 8 weeks ; taught by Miss MEDORA EDMUNDS. This is one of the largest schools in town, and a difficult one to control. Miss Edmunds experienced no great difficulty in sustaining good order and we believe greatly promoted the welfare of her pupils. We have had frequent occasion to speak of her ability as a teacher, and we are satisfied that we have said none too much in her favor.

Winter Term, 9 weeks ; taught by WILLIE H. DEARBORN. We believe that Mr. Dearborn entertains some false views concerning the management of some scholars. We have been associated with district schools and district school teachers several years, and our experience has taught us, that talking, however much to the point it may be, will not always have the desired effect. There are

scholars who expect to have their regular amount of correction administered in the shape of words each day, just as much as they expect to have their breakfast. The days of big ferules and long fire-pokers, we hope, have passed, but saplings continue to grow, and we continue to urge the necessity of their application.

Had Mr. Dearborn believed in, and adopted something like the above, he would succeeded better in governing this school. As it was, no one could fail to perceive the entire lack of anything approaching good order. Mr. Dearborn is a good scholar and would have succeeded admirably had he but governed the school properly. Ira Felch, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—SUGAR HILL.

Summer Term, 11 weeks ; taught by Miss O. AUGUSTA JOHNSON. We were unable to visit this school at its close. Appearances at the commencement were favorable. Soon after, Miss Johnson was taken sick, and the school was suspended several weeks. Had it not been for this interruption she would have succeeded very well. We believe her capable of keeping a good school.

Fall Term, 6 weeks ; taught by Miss MEDORA EDMUNDS. She awakened an interest in study which we have not seen manifested here before. The Examination was entirely successful. S. B. Felch, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—EAST WEARE.

Summer Term, 12 weeks ; Winter Term, 6 weeks. Both terms taught by Miss M. JENNIE MORGAN. We have a very good opinion of Miss Morgan's ability as a school teacher. She is alive to her task, and interested in the welfare of her scholars. Our visits to her school were more interesting on account of the songs sung by the scholars. Many of them exhibited much taste in the execution of the music. Very good order was observed and an interest in study was manifest. J. E. Marshall, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—BARNARD HILL.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9; tardy, 46. Miss ANN M. MAYO, teacher. By the examination, it appeared that the scholars had not made so much progress as the length of the term ought to have ensured. Animation and earnest effort seemed to be wanting. Yet we doubt not that Miss Mayo, by experience, may become a good teacher, if she perseveres in inculcating correct principles; which she, in her remarks, says she tried to do in this school, and adheres to her motto, "Not how much, but how well,"—in which enterprise we wish her abundant success.

Winter Term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; tardy, 51; S. G. BURNHAM, of Dunbarton, teacher. His second term in this district. We commend the teacher's system of discipline and instruction, as well as the earnest zeal which he brings to the work. Progress good. J. Huntington, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—RIVER ROAD.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 14; tardy, 7. Winter Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8; tardy, 3; taught by Miss MARY A. EMERSON.

At the commencement of the Summer term, we missed two or three of the largest scholars. The reason assigned for their leaving the school, by the teacher, was not very creditable to them. At the commencement we had noticed that the scholars were considerably deficient in a thorough understanding of what they had studied. They read in a sort of mechanical way, too common in many schools, but at the close this fault did not appear so striking.

We knew nothing of the Winter school until nearly two weeks after it had commenced. Found on visiting it, but a small number of scholars, and surmised that Miss Emerson's labors were not acceptable to the district, which reports afterwards confirmed. Eight scholars were present at the close. Progress was not great. Fault in reading more glaring than ever. This school was evidently a failure, and yet the blame does not all belong to the teacher.

It needs, no doubt, an efficient and vigorous master. J. E. Emerson, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—WALLACE'S.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; tardy, 9; Miss SARAH B. HADLEY, Teacher, who labored with considerable enthusiasm and inspired the younger part of her pupils with the same spirit, who learned remarkably well. A lack of efficient discipline was apparent, which we hope the teacher with more experience, will learn to use.

Winter Term, 7 1-2 weeks; number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 24; tardy, 13; JONATHAN BUXTON, Teacher—his third term in this district, who are fortunate in securing his services. This school is not a forward one, but the progress this term would compare favorably with that of any other. Francis Eastman Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—SOUTH MEETING HOUSE.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 18; tardy, 84; Miss LIZZIE TAGGART, Goffstown, teacher. For a beginner, Miss Taggart succeeded remarkably well. This school ranks the highest among the schools in the south part of the town,—Summer and Winter.

Winter Term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 22; tardy, 34; taught by WARREN D. PAIGE. We think he was earnest in his efforts, and endeavored to be faithful, and succeeded as well as most others would. Squier L. Gove, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—BUXTON'S.

Summer Term, no register returned. CARRIE M. COCHRAN, teacher, who always succeeds in her school, so as to make a good show at its examination.

Winter Term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 27; tardy, 19; JASON P. DEARBORN, teacher. This school has profited much by its new school house. Habits of neatness in and about the house are apparent. Mr. Dearborn labored with a good will for the advancement of his pupils, and was successful. John E. Gould, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—MOUNTAIN.

Summer Term, 5 1-2 weeks; number of scholars, 3; average attendance, 3; tardy, 0. Ten scholars in the district not attending school. There were dissensions in the district, on account of which these children, between 4 and 14 years of age, were kept from a good school. MISS EMMA F. MORRILL, teacher.

Winter Term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 16; tardy, 68; DANIEL M. WHITE, of Peterborough, teacher, whose method of instruction was commendable. The teacher, in his remarks, complains of the numerous instances of tardiness, which is a great detriment to the progress of a school. He discourses upon other things in relation to the school, to which we solicit the attention of those interested. Nathan G. Cram, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—HODGDON'S.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 17; tardy 47; Miss ALICE L. SMITH, teacher. The school was not governed so thoroughly this term as was essential to its welfare. It needs a firm and steady government. This was Miss Smith's first school, and her experience need not discourage her.

Winter Term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 22; tardy, 100; HARVEY G. COLBY, teacher. Here there was a lack of nearly all the qualities of a good school. A lack in government and wavering of purpose on the part of the teacher; a consequent disobedience and disrespect in the scholars, which led to confusion. At the time of our visit, near the close,

we were surprised and pained at the knowledge of its condition, and still more at the indifference of the parents, who continued to send their children to be indulged in such liberties. We think the evil they have learned, or practiced, more than overbalanced the good. Elisha A. Spaulding, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—CHIVEY'S HILL.

One Term, 11 weeks; taught by Miss CARRIE E. PAIGE. Miss Paige has taught this school one or two terms before, and also several of the neighboring schools. Her name has often appeared in the school reports during the past several years. She is an active teacher, and not afraid of work. She had but few scholars, and most of them were small. J. D. Chase, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—WEARE CENTRE.

Summer Term, 8 weeks; taught by Miss FLORETTA FOSTER. We confess that we had some misgivings at our first visit to this school. We never saw so disorderly a school before. We were sorry to find the school in this situation, but hoped that time would make this evil less. We also believed that Miss Foster would endeavor to overcome so severe an obstacle and hindrance to all efforts at teaching. Our second visit gave us some assurance of a better state of things. We believe that Miss Foster endeavored to do all in her power to benefit her pupils, and if she failed in any point, it should be attributed to her age, and to the fact that she was in her own district among her former associates. A better experience in school teaching among strangers, will place Miss Foster among those who are at the head of the profession.

Winter Term, 7 weeks; taught by Mr. WARREN PAIGE. Mr. Paige taught here last Winter, and we believe, with good success; and we were not a little surprised to learn that this school was so insubordinate that he could not go on unless something was done to quell the disturbance. Especially were we surprised to learn that some of the largest scholars, and females, too, were foremost in making disturbance. Mr. Paige is inclined to do well in school,

and is capable of doing a great deal in the way of teaching, but he fails in one point like many other young teachers, and that is in not impressing the idea upon the scholars that he is teacher, and that they are pupils. Wholesome correction administered at the right time, would often save the teacher from months of trouble and vexation and save for him a good reputation. The school made very good progress notwithstanding there was a great lack of order. George Simons, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—NORTH WEARE.

Summer Term, 8 weeks : professedly taught by Mrs. SARAH A. HUNTRESS. The truth is, it was not taught at all. Mr. Huntress agreed to teach the school, but proposed to us to give Mrs. Huntress a certificate. We supposed she was capable of teaching a district school, after she had assisted Mr. Huntress at the high school kept in the same district. Now we are sure that Mr. Huntress can keep a good school, and we are just as sure that Mrs. Huntress kept no school at all. We had the honor of visiting what purported to be her school ; we thought it our duty as superintending committee to do so. We are often cordially received, but in the present instance our reception was anything but complimentary. She gave us a peculiarly sour look, which seemed to indicate a suspicion on her part that we were bent on mischief. We stopped an hour perhaps, and thinking we had done our duty, professionally, we left, wiser in relation to the condition of the school than we came. Mr. Huntress afterwards assumed the care of the school, but finally suddenly left, without giving the committee notice, or inviting us to visit him. The Register, owing either to the neglect or ignorance of the teacher, was deficient.

Winter Term, 10 weeks ; taught by Rev. S. C. KIMBALL, of North Weare. This district has long been noted for its school, and school-house troubles, but we hope and believe that better things are in store for this school. Under the tuition of Mr. Kimball, it is assuming a better appearance. He has evinced more than common interest in the welfare of the scholars. He has taught the school for a very small compensation, and has succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. The Examination showed

that much had been done in a very short time. He has our best wishes for his future success. J. W. Chase, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 17.—OIL MILL VILLAGE.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; Miss BRYANT, of Plaistow, teacher, who gave satisfaction to the entire district. She has had much experience in teaching, and seemed to understand her work. The condition of the school was much improved under her charge. At the Examination the scholars appeared interested, and orderly in their behavior. Yet their manner of reading was not correct, and there was a want of earnest and thorough application to their studies generally. No Register returned.

Winter Term, 5 1-2 weeks; number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 33; tardy, 125; JOSIAH H. NICHOLS, teacher. This school does not rank among the best. But let the district build a new school-house, which is very much needed, for the old one is very inconvenient and uncomfortable for want of repair, and be united in a purpose to secure the best teachers,—send their children regularly and promptly to school, and they may soon place it among the best schools in town. Almus Marshall, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 18.—RAYMOND'S.

Summer Term, 7 weeks; Fall Term, 8 weeks; taught by Miss HATTIE M. JAMESON, of Dunbarton. This is a small school and in rather a remote part of the town. We found a considerable amount of interest manifested both by teacher and pupils. Their rank, as to scholarship is equal to, if not more than an average in town. Miss Jameson was industrious, and appeared anxious for the welfare of the school. Thomas Kilborne, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 21.—CILLEY'S

Summer Term, 10 weeks; Winter Term, 11 weeks; both terms taught by Miss CLARA A. BARNARD, of Dunbarton. Miss Barnard

was well liked. She attended to her duties in a manner that deserves commendation. The school made good improvement. Henry Foster, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 23.—CLINTON GROVE.

Summer Term, 7 weeks; taught by ELIZA A. GILLIS. Miss Gillis is a good teacher. Her manner of questioning scholars is close and likely to bring out their ideas, and create an interest in their studies. We liked her mode of teaching.

Winter Term, 6 weeks; Teacher, MISS SUSIE M. MARSH, of Henniker. This term was of so short duration that but little could be done at best; but we think it was well improved. Miss Marsh has the reputation of being a good teacher, and from what we saw of her we think that she deserves our recommendation. Amos Breed, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 24.—TAVERN.

Summer Term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 16; tardy, 16; MRS. ELLEN A. GOULD, Teacher, who has taught many schools we believe and did here seem to be at home in the school room. Progress of the school good.

Winter Term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 25; tardy, 25; taught by JONATHAN BUXTON.

The examination of this school at the close, was characterized by thoroughness and practical understanding of the subjects studied, showing that it had been a profitable term. David Gould, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 25.—WATER STREET.

Summer Term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 16; tardy, 20; Miss M. ELLEN WOODBURY, of New Boston, teacher. Examination indicated lack of thorough instruction. Moral deportment of scholars was not much improved.

Winter Term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 13; tardy, 8; JOSIAH H. NICHOLS, teacher. Improvement in deportment and habits of study during this term was sufficient to afford us tolerable satisfaction. Squier G. Eastman, Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 26.—FRIENDS', NORTH ROAD.

Summer Term, 7 weeks; teacher, ALICE S. NICHOLS. At our visits we got a favorable impression of this school and also of the teacher. She is familiar with the business of school-keeping and a good scholar. The school seemed to improve very well, and she seemed to be much engaged in her calling; but we have heard it hinted that she was not all the time so attentive to the school as she might have been. We are sure that she knows how to teach school.

Fall Term, 9 1-2 weeks; taught by Miss M. LIZZIE CAMPBELL, of Henniker. Miss Campbell's reputation as a teacher was made before she came here. We have heard much in her praise, and from what we saw we judge that she deserves much credit for the able manner in which she conducted this school. J. H. Thorpe, Committee.

L. W. GOVE, } Superintending School
J. H. NICHOLAS, } Committee of Weare.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, TOWN OF WEARE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Teachers.	No. scholars each Term.	Length of school, in weeks.	Wages of teachers per mo. including board.	Money appropriated, 1865.	No. of scholars for appor- tionment.	Visits by citizens and others.
1	Summer	Emma F. Peaslee.....	16 10	20 00	60 90	18	18	
	Winter	S. Annie Hall }	18 7 2-3	27 00				
2	Summer	Abbie Bartlett }			19 8	53 50	20	
	Winter	Medora Edmunds.....	42 8	24 00				
3	Summer	Will H. Dearborn.....	43 9	35 00	58 70	23 20	28	
	Fall	O. Augusta Johnson.....	19 11	17 00				
4	Summer	Medora Edmunds.....	19 6	22 50	79 60	39 44	22	
	Winter	M. Jennie Morgan.....	34 12	21 00				
5	Summer	M. Jennie Morgan.....	27 6	22 00	63 10	21 35	21	
	Winter	Ann M. Mayo.....	11 10	17 00				
6	Summer	S. G. Burnham.....	16 7	26 00	75 20	18 19	3	
	Winter	Mary A. Emerson.....	17 10	16 00				
7	Summer	Mary A. Emerson.....	11 10	20 00	68 60	24 20	2	
	Winter	Sarah B. Hadley.....	16 10	18 00				
8	Summer	Jonathan Buxton.....	25 7 1-2	25 00	80 70	31 26	6	
	Winter	Lizzie Taggart.....	22 10	+				
9	Summer	Warren D. Paige.....	26 6	31 00	71 90	11	11	
	Winter	Carrie M. Cochran*.....	31 8	20 00				
10	Summer	Jason P. Dearborn.....	3 5 1-2	21 00	64 20	18 15	15	
	Winter	Emma F. Morrill.....	18 6	33 00				
11	Summer	Daniel M. White.....	21 10	19 00	64 20	33 16	17	
	Winter	Alice L. Smith.....	28 9	32 00				
12	Summer	H. G. Colby.....	18 11	20 00	54 30	11 25	13	
	Fall	Caroline E. Paige.....						
13	Summer	Floretta Foster.....	43 8	16 00	96 10	48 28	18	
	Winter	Warren D. Paige.....	32 7	30 00				
14	Summer	Sarah A. Huntress.....	44 8	+	99 40	53 50	34	
	Winter	S. C. Kimball.....	63 10	25 00				
15	Summer	Miss Bryant*.....			73 00	12		
	Winter	J. H. Nichols.....	41 5 1-2	35 00				
16	Summer	Hattie M. Jameson.....	9 7	16 00	49 90	10 20	15	
	Winter	Hattie M. Jameson.....	14 8	18 00				
17	Summer	Clara A. Barnard.....	11 10	15 00	52 10	13 11	27	
	Winter	Clara A. Barnard.....	18 11	19 00				
18	Summer	Eliza Gillis.....	19 7	19 00	67 50	29 27	15	
	Winter	Susie M. Marsh.....	20 6	25 00				
19	Summer	Ellen A. Gould.....	22 8	15 00	63 10	22 14	8	
	Winter	Jonathan Buxton.....	28 6	25 00				
20	Summer	M. Ellen Woodbury.....	21 10	+	73 00	24 4	3	
	Winter	J. H. Nichols.....	16 7	22 00				
21	Summer	Alice S. Nichols.....	23 7	21 00	74 10	27 23	41	
	Winter	M. Lizzie Campbell.....	24 9 1-2	21 00				

*No Register. †Not Reported.

